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DATE: December 13, 2002

TO: W-2 Contract and Implementation (C&I) Committee

W-2 C&I Contract Issues Subcommittee

FROM: Mary C. Rowin

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RE: Proposed Modifications to the W-2 Performance Standards for Right of

First Selection

Date presented by Subcommittee to C&I Committee: November 22, 2002

Subcommittee: Contract Issues

Summary of Subcommittee Recommendation(s):

The standards of Earnings Gain, Assessment, and Extensions should be re-evaluated by the C&I Performance Standard subcommittee, but removed from the current consideration of Right of First Selection for contract year 2002.

Additionally, the percentage achievement requirement (35%) for the Entered Employment Rate standard should be adjusted downward to realistically reflect the effects of the current economic recession, since the existing standard requirements reflect job opportunities available during booming economic times.

DWS/DWD response(s):

DWS has proposed a response to the C&I Committee recommendations and has reviewed the proposal with the DWD Secretary's Office. (See Attachment)

DWS developed the proposal after meeting with representatives from the C&I Committee and several advocates. There was general consensus with the proposed modifications. There was not consensus with the Entered Employment Rate standard. DWS is not recommending a change to the Entered Employment Rate standard in the current contract.

Secretary Alexander will not make a decision on this issue due to the transition to the new administration. She will forward the C&I Committee recommendation and the response proposed by DWS to the Administration Transition Team with the recommendation that the issue be resolved by early February 2002.

Reference to other documents, if applicable: Not Applicable

Attachment